

**LINCOLN SCHOOL COMMITTEE**  
**LINCOLN, RHODE ISLAND 02865**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: April 6, 2016  
PLACE: Lincoln Middle School - Library  
152 Jenckes Hill Road  
Lincoln, RI 02865

TIME: 6:00 PM Work Session – Lincoln Middle School Library

There was No Right to be Heard

Motion to convene into Open Session by Tracey Cavanaugh at 6:03 PM. Seconded by John Carroll. Motion approved 3-0.

Members present: Kristine Donabedian, Chairperson; Mary Anne Roll, Vice-Chairperson, Tracey Cavanaugh, John Carroll.

Also present: Georgia Fortunato, Superintendent; Lori Miller, Business Manager

Approval of January 20, 2016 Budget Subcommittee Minutes. Motion made to approve by John Carroll. Seconded by Tracey Cavanaugh. Motion Approved 3-0.

Discussion concerning Lincoln Budget Board reductions to 20016/2017 Operating Budget. Recommended areas of reductions included new positions proposed due to increasing enrollment in the elementary grades, increasing Athletic Director to a full position and addition of a full time custodian to more effectively manage demand with new Ferguson Field facility. Other reductions recommended included Transportation, Charter Schools, Special Education Services, Virtual Classrooms, Utilities, and Medical claims. Conversations with Budget Board members present as to methodology and analysis of recommended appropriation. Administration and Budget Subcommittee expressed a desire for Budget Board to further deliberate and reconsider a higher appropriation as deep concern about these reductions and the effect on student learning and achievement given recent strides in recent years. Also deep concern about running a deficit in 2016/2017 due to further reductions in operating budget. Budget Board members present agreed to communication subcommittee concerns with the full Budget Board.

During Community Comment Lincoln Teacher Association Officers Fred Hoppe and Anne Bibeault expressed concern in the area of mental health. The demand for special services has really increased in the last several months and to please not cut back in these areas. Also the need to increase mental health professionals in areas like Social Workers and School Psychologists to better service the needs of children in the district.

Motion made by John Carroll to adjourn at 7:09 PM. Seconded by Tracey Cavanaugh. Motion approved 3-0.